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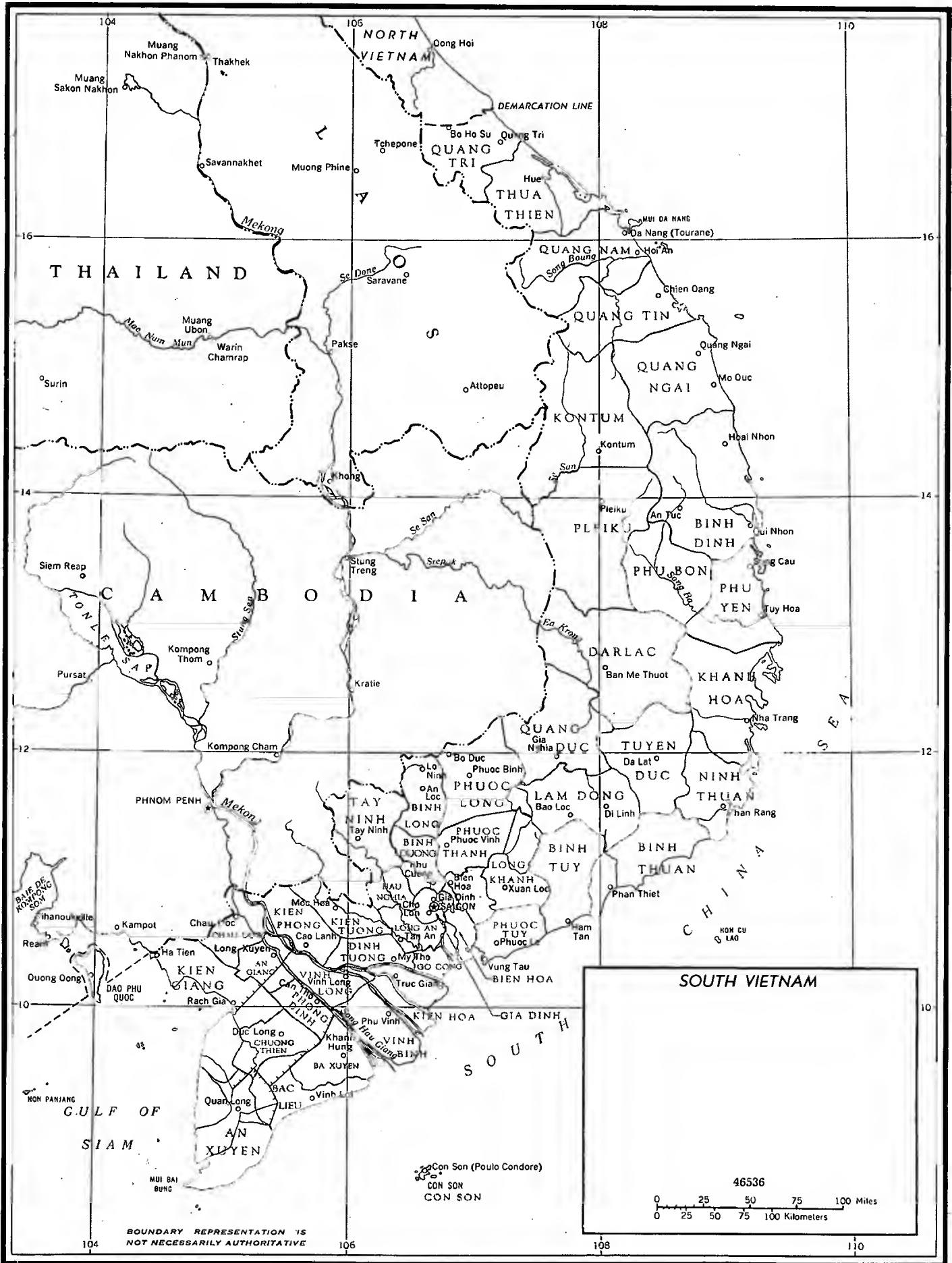
THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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1. Vietnam

The South Vietnamese air force this morning left what it believes to be another camouflaged Viet Cong vessel in a burning and sinking condition off the coast of Kien Hoa Province, south of Saigon. A South Vietnamese junk force is trying to reach the scene.

No major new Viet Cong military actions have been noted, but there are further signs of erosion in the government's position in the northern provinces. One district chief in the area says that he has lost control over 16 villages this month. (See map)

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Hanoi's treatment of Kosygin's TV performance yesterday was brief, almost curt. It did not even refer to the Soviet leader's circumlocutions about negotiations. Hanoi did publish another strong denunciation of "frantic" US activities in Vietnam and predicted their "sure defeat." Ambassador Taylor thinks, as do we, that the North Vietnamese are not much interested in negotiations, or a conference, just now. Peiping has not mentioned the subject in the past few days. Neither has Moscow, except for what can be read into Kosygin's speech.

The French now say that Gromyko will not after all visit Paris around 20 March. The Paris press has been speculating that the Soviet foreign minister was coming for further soundings on Vietnam negotiations.

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3. Indonesia

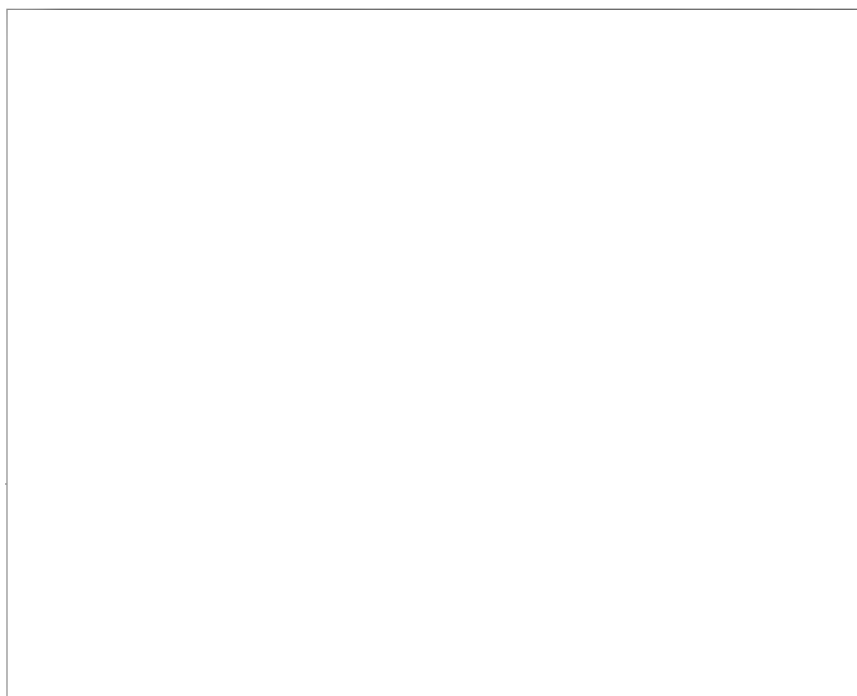
Djakarta is evidently prepared to countenance, if not actually connive in, a new rash of anti-American incidents. Government officials are openly talking about the coming "Indonesianization" of remaining US businesses. American tourists have, for the first time, been harried by a leftist mob in East Java. Foreign Minister Subandrio says that all USIS buildings and activities are being closed down to prevent their "poisoning" Indonesian thinking.

4. Congo

Ugandan Prime Minister Obote acknowledged yesterday to Ambassador Deming that Ugandan troops had entered the Congo, but only in "hot pursuit" of Congolese invaders. Obote was unyielding about negotiating the border problem. Deming also found Obote exhibiting symptoms of the "Nyerere syndrome," a conviction that the US is out to overthrow him.

In Leopoldville, Tshombé has not yet made up his mind to attend the OAU ministers meeting in Nairobi. He evidently hopes that the Congo question will not come before the conference until next week.

5. West Germany



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